



Transitioning away from the Indiana Modified Achievement Standards Test (IMAST)

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Proposed Regulations

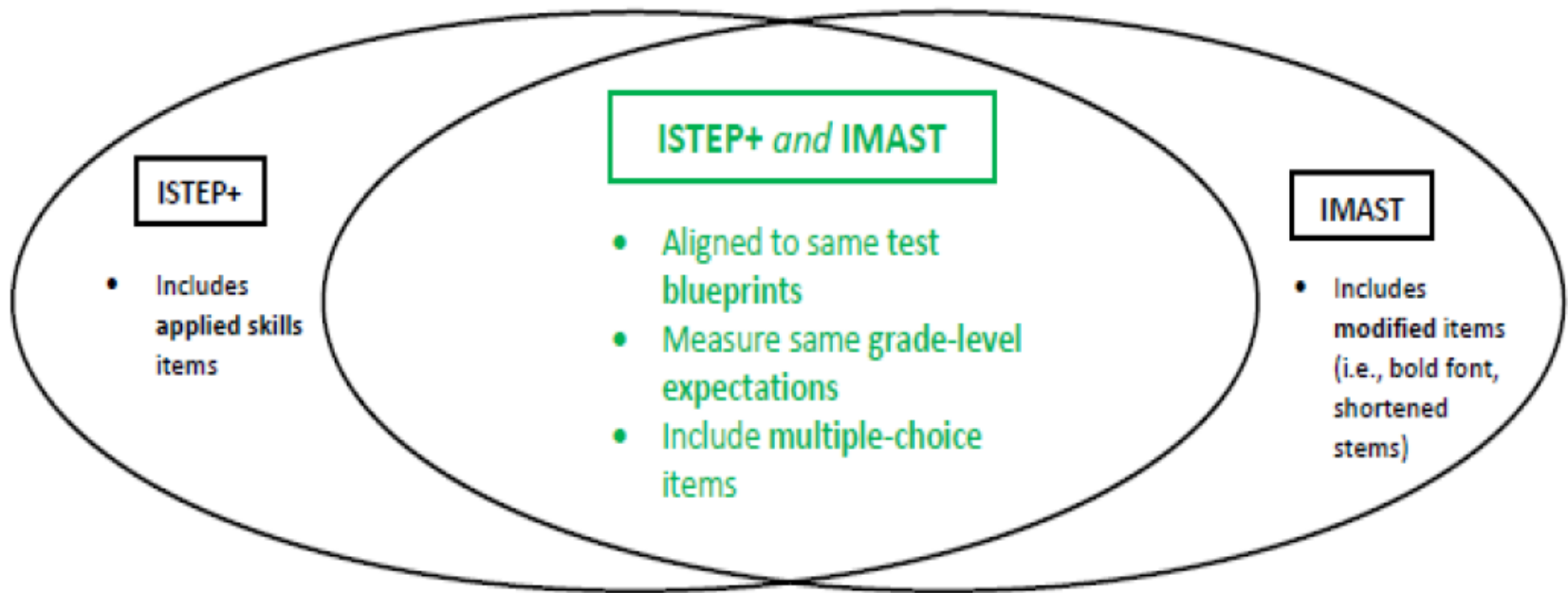
- The U.S. Department of Education has proposed regulations to transition away from AA-MAAS to college- and career-ready standards and general assessments that are aligned to those standards and accessible to all students.
- **Under the proposed regulations, a state already administering alternate assessments based on modified academic achievement standards could no longer administer such assessments after the 2013-14 school year.**

Local Implications

- Case Conference Committees will need to determine the most appropriate assessment in which students will participate during the 2014-15 school year.
- Providing instructional supports that enable students to transition from IMAST is of utmost importance.

Comparing Two Assessments: ISTEP+ and IMAST

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Assessment Horizon....

- Looking to the future:

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
ISTEP+ and CoreLink	ISTEP+ and College- and Career-Readiness Transition Assessment (CCRTA)	New CCR assessment
IMAST	N/A	N/A
ISTAR	CCR-based alternate assessment	CCR-based alternate assessment

Accommodations

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Students with disabilities are provided accommodations during classroom instruction and assessments to help level the playing field and promote equal access to grade-level curriculum.

If ISTEP+ is administered online, the following accommodations should be considered:

Screen reader

Scribe

Computer generated response

Assistive technology

Extended time

Accommodations Resource Guide and Toolkit:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/assessment/accommodations-resource-guide-and-toolkitfinaljp.pdf>

Accommodations Resource Guide and Toolkit

**Statewide Assessment Resource
Guide and Toolkit:
Participation Decisions and Use of
Accommodations for Students
with Disabilities**

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Accommodations Resource Guide and Toolkit

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Universal Design for Learning

According to Indiana's special education law, Article 7, "Universal design is a concept or philosophy for

designing and delivering products and services that are usable by people with the widest possible range of functional capabilities."

Implementing universal design is not simply a matter of providing digital instruction and assessment on computers, but rather working diligently to ensure that the products, services, policies, and/or practices related to the instruction and assessment provide options and supports that enable all students to participate and to achieve.

Universal Design for Learning is built into ISTEP for ALL students

Allowable Resources and Strategies for ALL Students:

- Student allowed to use special furniture or equipment for viewing test
- Student provided preferential seating
- Student allowed to use headphones to block out distractions
- Student allowed to use lined paper turned sideways to help align math problems
- Student allowed to use a low-tech assistive writing instrument

Built-in Online Assessment Tools for ALL Students:

ISTEP+ Applied Skills

- Highlighter – when selected, the pointer changes to a highlighter pen permitting the student to highlight specific text
- Eraser – the eraser tool can be used to remove highlights that were added to the text
- Mark for Later Review – used to mark any question the student would like to review later

Built-in Online Assessment Tools for ALL Students:

ISTEP+ Multiple-Choice

- Option Eliminator – this tool permits the student to cross out an answer choice, marking it as incorrect
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- Eraser – the eraser tool can be used to remove highlights that were added to the text
- Mark for Later Review – used to mark any question the student would like to review later

Built-in Online Assessment Tools for ALL Students:

Grade Specific Tools

- Grade 3: 1/2 inch ruler and a centimeter ruler
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- Grade 4: 1/8 inch ruler and a centimeter/millimeter ruler
- Grade 5: 1/8 inch ruler, a centimeter/millimeter ruler and a protractor
- Grades 6-8: 1/8 inch ruler, a centimeter/millimeter ruler, a calculator (for specified calculator sessions), a Reference Card, and Response Grids (for gridded-response math items)

Resources-ISTEP+

Consider using these ISTEP+ resources in the classroom:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment>

- ISTEP+ test blueprints:
- Test Item Samplers for ISTEP+:
- Applied Skills Samplers:
- ELA Applied Skills Rubrics:
- Math Applied Skills Rubrics:
- Practice using ISTEP+ vocabulary throughout the year in the classroom and at home:
- ISTEP+ Mathematics and English/Language Arts Tool kits and resources:
- Practice using online tools: 'Experience Online Testing'

Resources-ISTEP+

Consider using these ISTEP+ resources in the classroom:

- Test Item Samplers for ISTEP+:
<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8>
- Applied Skills Samplers:
<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/applied-skills-assessments>
- ELA Applied Skills Rubrics:
<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/englishlanguage-arts-rubrics>
- Math Applied Skills Rubrics:
<http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/assessment/math-rubric.pdf>
- Practice using ISTEP+ vocabulary throughout the year in the classroom and at home: <https://www.inparentnetwork.com/pn/pages/login.seam>
- ISTEP+ Mathematics and English/Language Arts Tool kits and resources:
<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8>
- Practice using online tools: 'Experience Online Testing'
<http://learnoas.ctb.com/ISTEP/>
- ISTEP+ test blueprints: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8>



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